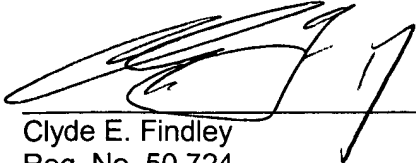


## Remarks

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any aspect of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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